

## CLAIMS: DURATION OF JOINT COMMISSION

*Convention signed at Washington November 27, 1872, modifying convention of July 4, 1868, as modified*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification, with an amendment, March 9, 1873*<sup>1</sup>

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with an amendment, March 10, 1873*<sup>1</sup>

*Ratified by Mexico May 19, 1873*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington July 17, 1873*<sup>2</sup>

*Entered into force July 17, 1873*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States July 24, 1873*

*Expired in accordance with its terms*

18 Stat. 514; Treaty Series 215

Whereas, by the convention concluded between the United States and the Mexican Republic on the fourth day of July, 1868,<sup>3</sup> certain claims of citizens of the contracting parties were submitted to a joint commission, whose functions were to terminate within two years and six months, reckoning from the day of the first meeting of the commissioners; and whereas the functions of the aforesaid joint commission were extended, according to the convention concluded between the same parties on the nineteenth day of April, 1871,<sup>4</sup> for a term not exceeding one year from the day on which they were to terminate according to the first convention; and whereas the possibility of said commission's concluding its labors even within the period fixed by the aforesaid convention of April nineteenth, 1871, is doubtful:

Therefore, the President of the United States of America and the President of the United States of Mexico, desiring that the term of the aforementioned commission should be again extended, in order to attain this end, have appointed, the President of the United States Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State,

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<sup>1</sup> The United States amendment reads as follows:

"Article I, line 2, after the word 'that' insert the words: *the said commission be revived and that.*"

The text printed here is the amended text as proclaimed by the President.

<sup>2</sup> The two governments signed a protocol at Washington Jan. 31, 1873 (I Malloy 1135; TS 216), to provide for expenses for the commission during the interval pending exchange of ratifications.

<sup>3</sup> TS 212, *ante*, p. 826.

<sup>4</sup> TS 214, *ante*, p. 834.

and the President of the United States of Mexico Ignacio Mariscal, accredited to the Government of the United States as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of said United States of Mexico, who, having exchanged their respective powers, which were found sufficient and in due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I

The high contracting parties agree that the said commission be revived and that the time fixed by the convention of April nineteenth, 1871, for the duration of the commission aforesaid, shall be extended for a term not exceeding two years from the day on which the functions of the said commission would terminate according to that convention, or for a shorter time if it should be deemed sufficient by the commissioners or the umpire, in case of their disagreement.

It is agreed that nothing contained in this article shall in any wise alter or extend the time originally fixed in the said convention for the presentation of claims to the commission.

#### ARTICLE II

The present convention shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible.

In witness whereof, the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the same and affixed their respective seals.

Done in the city of Washington the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

HAMILTON FISH      [SEAL]

IGNO. MARISCAL      [SEAL]